of a Committee to evolve the criteria for identification of 100 most backward and poorest districts in the country. The actual identification of backward districts and preparation of infrastructure development plans shall be based on the report of this Committee.

[English]

Assignment to Retired Officers

734. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the senior Government officials of the rank of Joint Secretary and above have to seek permission of the Government before they take up any assignment including commercial after retirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of officers who have been given permission during the years 1995 and 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) A Group 'A' officer is required to obtain the previous sanction of the Central Government before taking up a commercial employment before the expiry of two years from the date of his retirement.

(c) A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

As per available information, the under-mentioned officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above were granted permission during 1995 and 1996 to undertake post retirement; commercial employment within two years of retirement.

1. Shri S.C. Gupta,
Chief Engineer (Designs),
Ministry of Urban Development,
New Delhi.

2. Shri K.K. Trikha,
Group General Manager,
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited,
New Delhi.

3. Shri R. Srinivasan,
Adviser (Production)
Telecom Commission,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

4. Shri Y.P. Gambhir,
Chairman,
Central Electricity Authority,
Ministry of Power,
New Delhi.

5. Shri V.K. Arora,
Chief Engineer (Roads),
Ministry of Surface Transport,
New Delhi.

6. Shri Manjit Singh,
General Manager,
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

7. Shri S.M. Gambhir,
Chief General Manager,
Telecom Projects,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

8. Dr. M.S.S. Prabhu,
Scientist / Engineer,
Indian Space Research Organisation
Satellite Centre,
Department of Space,
Bangalore.

9. Shri N.C.S.R. Acharyulu,
General Manager (Development)
Hyderabad Telecom District,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

10. Shri S.S. Goyal,
General Manager,
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

11. Shri H.S. Agarwal,
Adviser,
Railway Board,
Ministry of Railways,
New Delhi.

12. Shri M.A. Ramanan,
Member (Thermal),
Central Electricity Authority,
Ministry of Power,
New Delhi.

13. Shri S.K. Pandey,
Adviser (Operations),
Department of Telecommunication,
New Delhi.

14. Shri N.R. Sivaswamy,
Chairman,
Central Board of Direct Taxes,
Department of Revenue,
New Delhi.

15. Shri D.D. Gulhati,
General Manager (Mechanical),
Indian Railway Construction Corporation Limited,
Ministry of Railways,
New Delhi.

16. Shri Krishan Lal,
Executive Director (Planning),
Railway Board,
Ministry of Railways,
New Delhi.

17. Shri J.K. Kurien,
Chief Commissioner of Income Tax,
Bangalore,
Department of Revenue,
New Delhi.

18. Shri R.K. Shukla,
General Manager,
Southern Railway, Madras,
Ministry of Railways,
New Delhi

19. Shri B.N. Iyengar,
Chief General Manager,
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited,
Bombay
Department of Telecommunications.

20. Shri S.Ravi,
Adviser (Signals),
Railway Board,
Ministry of Railways
New Delhi.

21. Dr. C.D. Thatte,
Secretary,
Ministry of Water Resources
New Delhi.

22. Shri A.K. Chaudhri,
Chairman & Managing Director,
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited,
Department of Telecomminications,
New Delhi.

23. Shri R.N. Sinha,
Joint Director & Special Inspector General of Police,
Central Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Personnel & Training,
New Delhi.

24. Shri S.N. Mathur,
Inspector General of Police,
Central Reserve Police Force,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

25. Shri Kuldip Sudarshan,
Chief Engineer,
Central Electricity Authority,
Ministry of Power,
New Delhi.

26. Shri S.S. Swani
Chief Engineer,
Directorate General, Doordarshan,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
New Delhi.

27. Shri K.K. Pillai,
General Manager (Maintenance),
Southern Telecom Region, Madras,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

28. Shri S. Mukhopadhyay,
Member,
Central Board of Excise & Customs,
Department of Revenue,
New Delhi.

29. Shri P.P. Joshi,
Chief Engineer,
Construction Organisation of Central Railway,
Bombay,
Ministry of Railways.

30. Shri C.S. Kannan,
Additional General Manager,
Southern Railway,
Ministry of Railways.

31. Shri Rajendra Pal,
Adviser (Works),
Railway Board Engineering Department,
Ministry of Railways,
New Delhi.

32. Shri N.K. Prasad,
Chief Engineer,
Office of the Director General, Boarder Roads,
Ministry of Surface Transport,
New Delhi.

33. Shri K. Rangarajan,
Vice-Chairman,
Income Tax Settlement Commission,
Madras,
Department of Revenue.

34. Shri M.G. Jayaraman,
Member (Technology)
Telecom Commission,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

35. Shri M.G. Kulkarni,
Member (Services / Production),
Telecom Commission,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

36. Shri D.K. Gupta,
Member (Telecommunication)
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

37. Shri R.C. Khera,
Chief Engineer,
Central Electricity Authority,
Ministry of Power,
New Delhi.

38. Shri Ashok Bhatnagar,
Chairman,
Railway Board,
Ministry of Railways,
New Delhi.

39. Dr. V.N. Lalithkumar Rao,
Commissioner of Income Tax,
Department of Revenue,
New Delhi.

40. Shri R.C. Verma,
Member & Vice-Chairman,
Income Tax Settlement Commission,
Calcutta.

41. Shri Ravi Kathpalia,
Controller General of Accounts,
Department of Expenditure,
New Delhi.

42. Shri L.C. Agarwal,
Chief General Manager,
Mahangar Telephone Nigam Limited,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

43. Shri R.D. Budhiraja,
General Manager,
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

44. Shri S.P. Mallik,
General Manager,
Ordnance Factory,
Ministry of Defence,
New Delhi.

45. Shri R.C. Rastogi,
Member (Finance),
Telecom Commission,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

46. Shri Ashok Kumar,
Chief Engineer,
Military Engineering Service,
Ministry of Defence,
New Delhi.

47. Shri S.A.V. Sastry,
Chief Operations Managers,
Southern Railways,
Ministry of Railways,
New Delhi.

48. Shri D.B. Sehgal,
Adviser (Production)
Telecom Commission,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

49. Shri N. Biswas,
Chairman,
Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices,
Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion,
New Delhi.

50. Shri S. Swaminathan,
General Manager,
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

51. Shri R. Narayanan,
Scientist / Engineer "G",
Department of Space,
Bangalore.

52. Shri V.P. Saxena,
Member (Technology),
Telecom Commission,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

53. Dr. R. Krishnan,
Director,
Gas Turbine Research Establishment,
Bangalore,
Department of Defence
Research & Development.

54. Shri B.K. Basak,
Chief General Manager,
Western Zone Project Circle,
Bombay,
Department of Telecommunications.

55. Shri P.N. Uppal,
Chief General Manager,
Rajasthan Telecom Circle,
Department of Telecommunications.

56. Dr. D.N. Upasani,
Chief Medical Officer,
Central Railways,
Ministry of Railways.

57. Shri G.K. Kanchan,
Adviser (Planning),
Railway Board,
Ministry of Railways
New Delhi.

58. Shri Lalit Mohan,
Director General of Income Tax,
Department of Revenue
New Delhi.

59. Shri James K. Joseph,
Joint Secretary,
Department of Personnel & Training,
New Delhi.

60. Shri CBL Srivastav,
Chief General Manager,
Bihar Telecom Circle,
Department of Telecommunications.

61. Shri K. Gajendra Singh,
Ambassador of India,
Ankara,
Ministry of External Affairs.

62. Shri Raj Kumar,
Member (Engineering),
Railway Board,
Ministry of Railways.

63. Shri V.P. Baweja,
General Manager (Operations),
Pune Telecom,
Department of Telecommunications.

64. Shri Anirudh Mithal,
General Manager,
Rail Coach Factory,
Kapurthala,
Ministry of Railways.

65. Shri T. Narayanamoorthy,
Adviser, Telecom Commission,
Department of Telecommunications,
New Delhi.

66. Shri G.M. Rao,
Director (OD),
Indian Bureau of Mines,
Ministry of Mines.

67. Shri C.S. Jagannath,
Chief Adviser,
Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices,
Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion,
New Delhi.

68. Shri S.P. Duggal,
Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction),
Central Railways,
Ministry of Railways.

69. Shri P.S. Narula,
Adviser (HRD),
Department of Telecommunications.

70. Shri Ashok Kumar Seth,
General Manager,
Karnataka Telecom Circle,
Department of Telecommunications.

71. Dr. S.K. Sinha,
Scientist / Engineer "SG",
Indian Space Research Organisation,
Department of Space,
Bangalore.

72. Shri V.R. Subramanian,
Chief Personnel Officer,
Integral Coach Factory,
Madras
Ministry of Railways.

73. Shri P.N. Mehrotra,
Principal Officer,
Mercantile Marine Department,
Mumbai,
Ministry of Surface Transport.

74. Shri D.N. Ghosh,
Chief Workshop Engineer,
South Eastern Railways,
Ministry of Railways.

75. Dr. (Smt.) Saroj Singh Panwar,
Chief Medical Superintendent,
Central Railways,
Ministry of Railways.

76. Shri Masihuzzaman,
Member (Mechanical),
Railway Board,
Ministry of Railways.

77. Shri B.B. Karajagi,
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Central Water Commission,
Ministry of Water Resources,
New Delhi.

78. Shri B.N. Srivastava,
Chief Engineer,
Border Roads Development Board,
Ministry of Surface Transport,
New Delhi.

79. *Shri Y.P. Kumar,*
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80. Shri V.P. Saxena,
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81. Shri R. Asoka,
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Wheel & Axle Plant,
Indian Railways,
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82. Shri P.N. Mittal,
Member,
Central Board of Direct Taxes,
Department of Revenue,
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83. Shri A.K. Bandyopadhyay,
Inspector General of Police,
Special Sector,
Central Reserve Police Force,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

84. Shri M.B. Saxena,
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Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment,
New Delhi.

85. Shri V.N. Sehgal,
Director,
Central Forensic Science Laboratory,
Central Bureau of Investigation,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

86. Shri V. Gopal,
General Manager,
Tamil Nadu Telecom Circle,
Department of Telecommunications.

87. Shri Narayan Singh, IFS, Bihar,
Additional Inspector General of Forests,
Ministry of Environment & Forests.

88. Shri A.K. Mukerjee, IFS, Himachal Pradesh,
Inspector General of Forests,
Ministry of Environment & Forests.

89. Shri S. Parameswarappa, IFS, Karnataka,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Karnataka,
Ministry of Environment & Forests.

90. *Shri G.K. Shenava, IFS, Karnataka,*
Aditional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Karnataka,
Ministry of Environment & Forests.

91. Shri K.J. Reddy, IAS (Andhra Pradesh)

92. Shri V. Krishnan, IAS (Karnataka)

93. Shri Moosa Raza, IAS (Gujarat)

94. Shri R. Rajamani, IAS (Andhra Pradesh)

95. Shri T. Balaraman, IAS (Maharashtra)

96. Shri S.S. Razvi, IAS (Jammu & Kashmir)

97. Shri S.K. Lall, IAS (Orissa)

98. Shri R. Srinivasan, IAS (Orissa)

99. Shri R.B. Rajagopalan, IAS (Maharashtra)

100. Shri V.S. Gopalkrishnan, IAS (Maharashtra)

101. Shri Suresh Kumar, IAS (Bihar)

102. Shri K.R. Venugopal, IAS (Andhra Pradesh)

103. Shri V.P. Rane, IAS (Maharashtra)

104. Shri N.M. Bijlani, IAS (Gujarat)

105. Shri P.K. Thakkar, IAS (Gujarat)

106. Shri C.S. Rana, IAS (Haryana)

107. Shri P.V. Swaminathan, IAS (Gujarat)

108. Shri S.K. Basu, IAS (Orissa)

109. Shri C.B. Bhave, IAS (Maharashtra)

110. Shri S.B. Muddappa, IAS (Karnataka)

111. Shri Vinay Jha, IAS (Tamil Nadu)

112. Shri S.I. Jambunathan, IAS (Maharashtra)

113. Shri S.S. Burra, IAS (Maharashtra)

114. Shri MGK Purthy, IAS (Kerala)

115. Shri M.P. Tanksale, IAS (Maharashtra)

116. Shri R.N. Das, IAS (Orissa)

117. Shri Mahesh Prasad, IAS (Uttar Pradesh)

118. Shri P.K. Lahari, IAS (Madhya Pradesh)

119. Shri R. Vasudevan, IAS (Uttar Pradesh)

120. Shri B.N. Bhagwat, IAS (Maharashtra)

121. Shri C.N. Ramdas, IAS (Tamil Nadu)

122. Shri P.S.V. Rao, IAS (Karnataka)

123. Shri E.N. Murthy, IAS (Jammu & Kashmir)

124. Shri J.S. Bindra, IPS (Gujarat)

125. Shri D.V.S. Reddy, IPS (Andhra Pradesh)

126. Shri A.H. Reddy, IPS (Andhra Pradesh)

127. Shri K. Lakshmana, IPS (Kerala)

128. Shri V.G. Vaidya, IPS (Maharashtra)

129. Shri S.C. Gossain, IPS (West Bengal)

130. Shri A.J. Anandan, IPS (Karnataka)

131. Shri K.V. Rajagopalan Nair, IPS (Kerala).

Plant Load Factor

735. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any plan to raise the Plant Load Factor (PLF) to all thermal power stations to an average of 70% by the year 2002 A.D.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) (a) and (b) As per consensus reached at the Chief Ministers Conference held in December, 1996, it is proposed to improve PLF of Power Stations in State Sector to a minimum level of 65% and the national average PLF to 70% by 2002 A.D.

Fast Track Power Project

736. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Ministry had set December 31, 1996 as the deadline for issuing the pending counter guarantees for the fast track power projects;

(b) if so, whether in view of this the centre had reopened the entire power projects agreement of the Hinduja National Power Company Project at Visakhapatnam and has called for fresh negotiations;

(c) whether the power Ministry had received a report prepared by an international consultant which had been appointed to study the power projects agreements of the fast track power projects; and

(d) if so, the time by which the final agreement for renegotiating the Vizag Power Plant is to be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Norms for IDSMT Scheme

737. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed to project towns for development under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme;

(b) the number of towns brought under the Scheme so far, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to continue the scheme during Ninth Plan;

(d) if so, the towns proposed to be brought under the Scheme in Rajasthan and other States during the Ninth Plan; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U.VENKATESWARLU): (a) The Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) is applicable to towns which fulfil the following norms:

(i) having population upto 5 lakhs as per 1991 Census;

(ii) having potential to emerge as regional centres of economic growth and employment;

(iii) having elected local bodies.

In the selection of towns, preference will be given to Headquarters of Districts followed by mandi towns and industrial growth centres (excluding industrial estates) (identified by the Ministries of Agriculture and Industries respectively), tourist places, pilgrim centres, etc. The State Government shall identify towns in order of priority in accordance with their State Urban Development Strategy.

(b) Information is furnished in the Statement enclosed.

(c) to (e) Identification and selection of priority towns for development under IDSMT Scheme vests with the State Governments, and projects are approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committees. As such it is not possible to indicate at this stage the towns which will be covered under IDSMT during Ninth Plan period.

Statement

Number of Towns Covered under IDSMT Scheme (From 1979-80 to 24th February, 1997)

Sl.No.	Name of State/UT	No.of Towns Covered
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4
3.	Assam	19
4.	Bihar	35
5.	Goa	6
6.	Gujarat	48
7.	Haryana	12
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8
10.	Karnataka	73
11.	Kerala	30